

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 216
By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of William C. "Bill"
Weathers of Memphis.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of William C. "Bill" Weathers; and

WHEREAS, Bill Weathers was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, Bill Weathers was born in Grenada, Mississippi, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Weathers; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Cheyney School for Teachers, now Cheyney University, of Cheyney, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.; and was named Sigma of the Year 1992 by his local chapter, Tau Iota Sigma, and Greek of the Year by the Regional Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weathers was widely recognized for his illustrious business career and his superlative tenure as an Equal Employment Opportunity Officer for the Memphis Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, he always placed a high value on community service and spent much of his time serving valiantly as a founder and member of the Memphians, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weathers distinguished himself as a diligent upholder of the great volunteer tradition of the State of Tennessee by devoting many years of his life to the development and enhancement of the community he loved; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Weathers was a member of the Board of Directors for the Memphis Branch of the NAACP, and at the time of his death, at age 82, was the chapter's oldest member; and

WHEREAS, he was also a valuable member of the Blind Lions Club, and Cooper Neighborhood Association, served as a Commissioner on the Shelby County Beer Board, and was a commissioned Notary Public; and

WHEREAS, ever successful in his entrepreneurial spirit, Mr. Weathers organized the first Black Grocery Store Association, known as Unity Cash Association; and

WHEREAS, Bill Weathers was an active and devout lifelong member of the First Baptist Chelsea Church, where he served on the Trustee Board; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Bill Weathers leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weathers was married to the late, Ann L. Weathers; he was the proud parent of five children, daughters, Billie Jean Ballentine, Letitia L. Weathers and Dilworth A. Weathers; sons, Walter L. Hall and Job Weathers; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weathers was truly an outstanding individual and model Tennessean whose life serves as a shining example of the virtues of hard work and dedication; he was a perfect example of a person totally committed to the highest ideals of public service; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of William C. "Bill" Weathers, reflecting fondly on his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of William C. "Bill" Weathers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the family of William C. "Bill" Weathers with this final clause omitted from such copy.